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BATTLE CREEK'S EMERGENCY SERVICES NEWSLETTER / www.bcesmi.org

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Our Mission:

To provide Battle Creek residents, businesses and industries, non-profit organizations, and local governments the education and support necessary to reduce the loss of life and human suffering; to minimize property damage; and to protect environmental sensitive areas from all types of disasters through a comprehensive, risk-based, all-hazard emergency management program.

Battle Creek Emergency Services is dedicated to protecting lives, property, environment and the economy of its citizens through preparedness and mitigation activities, respond in an effective manner to emergencies and disaster, and coordinate and participate in the recovery effort as a result of such events. It is the responsibility of Battle Creek Emergency Services to coordinate the task of mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery as effectively as possible.

Calender of Events

- **AUGUST 23**
Glow Race
Approx. time is 8:00 pm in downtown Battle Creek. Specific details to follow please check www.bcesmi.org.
- **SEPTEMBER 5 FROM 6-10PM***
- **SEPTEMBER 6 FROM 9-5PM***
- **SEPTEMBER 13 FROM 9-5PM***
***CERT training**
Specific details to follow please check www.bcesmi.org.



BCES is a division of the Battle Creek Police Dept.

Our Premier Edition!

Welcome to the first edition of the Battle Creek Emergency Services Newsletter. We are very proud of the work that our volunteers have done for the Battle Creek community during the past few months. In this first issue we would like to highlight the programs and services we provide along with the many efforts of our volunteers who make our community a better place to live.

Programs & Services We Provide:



Battle Creek Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

Educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations.



Southwest Michigan Emergency Response Team (SMERT) Search and Rescue (SAR)

Assists the community by searching for lost persons under the umbrella of Battle Creek Emergency Services, as well as evidence searches.



Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES)

RACES provides a pool of emergency communications

personnel that can be called on in time of need.

SKYWARN

Storm spotters are part of the ranks of citizens who form the Nation's first line of defense against severe weather.



Websites to Explore and Register

- **Nixle**
<http://www.nixle.com>
- **MI Train**
<https://mi.train.org>
- **Michigan Volunteer Registry**
www.mivolunteerregistry.org
- **Do 1 Thing**
www.do1thing.com
- **Battle Creek Emergency Services**
www.bcesmi.org

EMERGENCY SERVICES PROFILE OF THE MONTH!

Mike McKenzie PEM - City of Battle Creek Emergency Management Administrator

Primary responsibility is to provide planning for mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery to emergencies and/or disasters within the City.

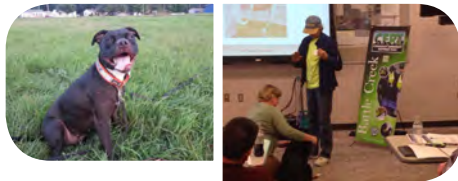
Summer of Volunteering 2014



Events and Training Our Volunteers Have Participated In:

■ **APR 12, 2014**

CERT Animal Response Training Module I & II



■ **MAY 3, 2014**

CERT Traffic and Crowd Management



■ **MAY 16, 2014**

Active Shooter Safety Drill at Lakeview Middle School



■ **MAY 30, 2014**

Girls On The Run 5K at Binder Park Zoo

■ **JUN 7, 2014**

Get Your Colon Rollin' Event



■ **JUN 14, 2014**

Battle Creek Cereal City Festival



■ **JUN 16, 2014**

Lakeview Meadows Senior Living Center Fire



Thank You all for your help!

Peanut's Tip of the Month!



DON'T LEAVE YOUR PET ALONE IN THE CAR ON A WARM DAY

New Hams

On 08/16/2014 Battle Creek Emergency Services held a Ham In A Day class for people wanting to obtain or upgrade their amateur radio license. We are pleased to announce that we now have 2 new Technicians, and 2 new Generals.

New Hams

Don Darling - (Technician)
Shawna Allen - (Technician)

New Upgrades

Phil Allen - KD8UUO (General)
Steve Combs - KD8YSR (General)

A big thank you to all the VEs and volunteers that helped with such a great testing session.

Want To Volunteer?

Visit our website and sign-up today!

www.bcesmi.org

Volunteer of the Year Awarded



HandsOn
BATTLE CREEK

On 07/23/2014 Battle Creek Emergency Services' own Gordon

Martin Jr. (Gordy) received the Volunteer of the Year Award Wednesday night from HandsOn Battle Creek.



Volunteer of the Year Gordon Martin, second from left, with Police Chief Jim Blocker, Emergency Services Administrator Mike McKenzie and Interim City Manager Susan Bedsole.

This award recognizes any outstanding volunteer 18 years old or older who has demonstrated the power of giving back to their community.

Gordy was nominated for this award for the many hours he has put into creating and updating the Battle Creek Emergency Services website. Gordy is a integral part of the BCES team as the Public Information

Officer. Outside of his PIO duties, Gordy also volunteers his time at many of the events that the BCES team takes part in.

Gordy is an avid Ham radio operator - call sign KD8UUT. If you happen to hear him on the air give him a shout and tell him congrats.

Congratulations Gordy - THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!

